

CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION (CJPAC)

Thursday, November 16, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: *Chairman Mike Lawlor*, Under Secretary, Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division, OPM; *Gary Roberge*, CSSD, *Judge Carroll*, Judicial Branch; *Kevin Kane*, Chief State's Attorney, *Commissioner Dora Schriro*, DESPP, and *Loel Meckel*, DMHAS, *Karen Jarmoc*, CCADV, *Laura Cordes*, Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence, *Commissioner Scott Semple*, DOC, *Carlton Giles*, BOPP, *josh Howroyd*, Department of Children and Families, *Chief James Kenny*, Chiefs of Police, *Charlene Russell-Tucker*, Department of Education

I. Introductions

This meeting was not broadcast on CT-N.

II. Welcome and Policy Updates

- a. The Monthly Indicators Report can be found on the OPM website:
- b. Due to the early meeting no monthly indicator was not printed for the meeting, however a discussion occurred regarding the 2A Chart.
- c. All FY 2017 federal grants are not paid yet, not limited to sanctuary states or cities, DOJ decision to not give formula grants at all until the litigation is finalized and possible conditions related to immigration are possibly attached to grants
- d. JAG Grant on hold for conditions of the litigation, possibly for years, but, old JAG money from 2014, 2015, and 2016, that has already been received but not dispersed could be a possible option, however there are many questions about what are the possible conditions attached to these monies now

III. Approval of Minutes from October 2017.

Minor edit was noted and are reflected in the October minutes.

IV Commission Correspondence

No Commission Correspondence

VI. Presentations

- a. Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence presented their Lethality Assessment Report by *Dan Cargill*, *Karen Jarmoc*, and *Steve Grant*

VII. Agency Updates

CSSD – working on expanding juvenile justice services for the kids who would have been at CJTS about 250-300 kids, most have a previous history with the system, there are about 50-55 kids at CJTS, about 100 in a residential placement and about 100 in the community. CSSD has created working groups to develop a continuum of services for the juvenile population, collaborating with other state agencies, reviewing current statues and thinking about possible necessary amendments, with a timeline of July 2018. They are working on agreements with DCF and by Jan. 1, 2019, they

will have a full continuum of services due, security facility in the community for a small group of SJOs, possibly a juvenile detention center facility, they are still working to figure this out, thinking about private vendors. Currently they supervise about 2,400 client on Juvenile Probation, and already have 24 bed in residential and 88 beds in detention. They are looking into a no eject, no reject policy, and working with DCF for the RFP location, and looking into the child welfare system, because some kids are dually committed to DCF. 15 years ago, Long lane was closed, there were less than 30 girls there. They relocated the girls and there has been no attempt over the last 15 years to make a girls facility, currently they only have the Journey House for girls. They put on their second opioid symposium on November 3rd, 2017 with a great turn out. They have a second year of SAMHSA treatment funding, and lastly they are going for the reaccreditation process for adult probation.

Judicial Branch – The major project the judicial branch is working on is the transition of Juvenile Justice from DCF to Judicial Branch/CSSD. They are grappling with the challenge that come along with this transition. They are finding a way to implement policy change in a transparent and efficient manner. They created a planning and transition group that has met 3 times, reached out to stakeholders with the ultimate goal of getting the kids the best suitable service.

DESPP- Relief for Puerto Rico in Connecticut is occurring with 1000 children in schools and they are completing FEMA claims as well. DESPP created a cybercrime taskforce in the state police, they write a CTIC bulletin for cybercrime awareness, and similar to the FBI and US Attorney General the CT State Police are focusing on cybercrime, the dark web, and how opioids, specifically fentanyl are on the Dark Web.

States Attorney's Office – Grants for Early Screening in three districts: New London, Hartford, and New Haven to hire an additional full time prosecurotor and a social worker/case manager, and then study the data. They are already doing this (early ID and referral treatment) without funds. The Police in New Haven and Hartford are doing law enforcement assisted diversion prior to arrest.

DMHAS – They got a 5.5 million / year grant from SAMHAS. They are expanding TPP, 2 lead programs, living free program and more opioid programs. Small Connecticut towns often have opioid use, but their sites of overdose are not publicized, so they hope to help these small towns.

CCADV - Presented the LAP report at this meeting. Late January –early February they will release the dual-arrest report with the help of OPM. They are delivering services in English and Spanish now, but are looking into more ways to change, expand, and improve their delivery approach, changes will be happening soon, as early as next spring. They are doing Narcan trainings in the shelters now.

DCF – the major project DCF is working on is the transfer of juveniles from DCF to CSSD.

Victim Services –

CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence – They received federal funds finally, so now they can continue to support program again. Recently in the news there has been a national spotlight on sexual violence, especially with the #metoo campaign, and the recent accusations in the national media. These stories illustrate a focus on offender behavior, use of power, and trust, and hopefully will help educate future jury members about believing victims and in general about sexual assault. They are looking into the statute of limitations in Connecticut, which is just 5 years, much lower than other states. They are going to give a training to the governor's sexual assault group.

Department of Education – They just broke 1,000 new student from Puerto Rico with the largest numbers of new kids in Hartford, Waterbury, New Britain, New Haven, and Bridgeport.

Public Defender Office –.

Board of Pardons and Paroles – Expedited pardons - 32 in October, regular process pardons - 16 in October, and 2 certificate of employability granted.

Chiefs of Police – They are very worried about the racial profiling report that came out and requested a peer review about how the study was done, so 3 PhDs reviewed the methodology and found flaws. The media makes assumptions about the named departments guilty of racial profiling in the report. And they want to make sure the report is complete and withstands peer review and Chief Kenny requests that OPM do the research on this to trust the results of these studies. Mike Lawlor noted that IMPR was delegated to do this report on racial profiling for OPM and if there is an additional methodology that should be used in the study it should be recommended to IMPR and they will include that methodology in the report as well.

Department of Correction – They are happy to assist in the DCF to CSSD transfer of CJTS functions. Currently the DOC population is 13,992, which is down 6.3 % from last year this time. The female population is down 10% from this time last year, but they have a goal of 25% decrease. They announced the closure of a 700 bed facility in Jan/Feb of 2018. The age of the infrastructure, proximity to other Correctional Institutions, and the population decline during this time of year are all considerations taken into account when thinking of the best reassign staff members. This is the first time to close a whole facility since Scott Semple has been commissioner, and 6.5 million will be saved annually. He recently went to Washington, DC to the 50 state summit and receive the CT State workbook, it puts Connecticut into the national context, but they are working to get some numbers amended appropriately that were misreported. On the Connecticut Team that attended the summit were: Commissioner Scott Semple, Craig Burns, Mayor O’Leary, Chief Campbell, and Rep. Tong. And the major take-away from the meeting was that the data availability and analysis capability is completely up to the point where it is very helpful and useful.

VI. Subcommittee Updates

PJOR – no update

Behavioral health – no update, next meeting in December

Victim issues – next meeting on November 21st

VIII. Public Comment

No public Comment

IX. Adjournment

Mike Lawlor adjourned the meeting at 11:09